



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5423

February Session, 2000

An Act Concerning Funding For Homeless Shelters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 17b-800 of the general statutes is repealed and the following
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services may, upon application of
4 any public or private organization or agency, make grants, within
5 available appropriations, to develop and maintain programs for
6 homeless individuals including programs for emergency shelter
7 services, transitional housing services, on-site social services for
8 available permanent housing and for the prevention of homelessness.

9 (b) Each shelter receiving a grant pursuant to this section (1) shall
10 provide decent, safe and sanitary shelter for residents of the shelter; (2)
11 shall not suspend or expel a resident without good cause; and (3) shall
12 provide a grievance procedure by which residents can obtain review of
13 grievances, including grievances concerning suspension or expulsion
14 from the shelter. The Commissioner of Social Services shall adopt
15 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54,
16 establishing (A) minimum standards for shelter grievance procedures
17 and rules concerning the suspension and expulsion of shelter
18 residents, [and] (B) standards for the review and approval of the
19 operating policies of shelters receiving a grant under this section, and
20 (C) minimum levels of funding for shelters, regardless of the size of the

21 population served, to maintain their continuing operation, but in no
22 event shall such minimum level of funding be below three hundred
23 thousand dollars annually.

HSG Committee Vote: Yea 11 Nay 0 JFS C/R PD